(a) whehter it is a fact that the Income Tax Department has carried out raids during the last one year at a number of places in Gujarat;

(b) how many raids were carried out and what are the results thereof; and

(c) what are the names of the parties against whom raids were carried out by the Income Tax Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) to (c) Income Tax Department conducted 519 searches during the financial year 1983-84 at various places in Gujarat and seized prima facie unaccounted assets valued at Rs. 2.93 crores approximately. In addition, fixed deposit receipts of about Rs. 1 crore suspected to be in benami and fictitious names have been frozen u|s 132(3) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

Having regard to large number of searches, it is not practicable to give details of each case. However, if the Hon'ble Member desires to have information in regard to a particular search, the same can be furnished.

Income-tax returns filed by film stars

244. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) wheher it is a fact that many film stars are not showing correct income in their income-tax returns;

(b) what are the names of the film stars whose cases have been detected by the Income-tax Departmnt showing less income in their income-tax returns during the last one year;

(c) what are the details of the income-tax returns filed by film stars whose income is more than rupees one lakh as shown in their last income tax returns; and

(d) what action has been taken against persons for showing less income?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

Raids on the Premises of M|s. Escorts Limited

245. DR. MAHABIR PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the office premises of M|s. Escorts Limited and the residences of their Directors were raided by the Income-tax and FERA authorities recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken against M|s. Escorts Limited in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) The office premises of M|s. Escorts Limited and the residences of their Directors were searched by the Directorate of Anti Evasion (Central Excise) on 25-5-84.

(b) and (c) During the course of searches, foreign exchange of $ 150 (cash), U.S. $ 1790 U.S. (T.Cs), Nigerian Naira 1, Sudanese Piastres 25 and Srilanka Rs. 2 was taken over from the residence of one of the Executives of the Company. Some foreign exchange i.e. US $10, Canadian $2, French Francs 50, Nepali Rs. 5, Poland currency 1200, Yugoslav Dinars 220, found from the residence of the Chairman, has been forwarded by the Directorate of Anti Evasion to Enforcement Directorate for further enquiries under FER Act. Documents seized are being scrutinised by Enforcement Directorate and if any contraventions under the FER Act are revealed, appropriate action will be taken.

Hijacking of Indian Airlines Planes

246. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: